

# LIFE GROUP 6

Mission: To foster Christ-centered engagement in the life of our congregation.

Scripture: John 11:40-44

## Open It

Build Community 1	What is your “go to” karaoke song? What would your warning label say? What is the most ridiculous thing you believed as a child?	5-10 Min.
Build Community 2	What was the first concert you attended? The best concert? What is the best meal you have ever eaten? If you won the lottery, what would you do first?	5-10 Min
Adoration	<p><b>Read Psalm 115:14-18</b></p> <p>May the Lord cause you to flourish, both you and your children.</p> <p><sup>15</sup> May you be blessed by the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.</p> <p><sup>16</sup> The highest heavens belong to the Lord, but the earth he has given to mankind.</p> <p><sup>17</sup> It is not the dead who praise the Lord, those who go down to the place of silence;</p> <p><sup>18</sup> it is we who extol the Lord, both now and forevermore.</p> <p>Praise the Lord.</p> <p> </p> <p>*This reading reminds us of God’s legacy and blessings manifested from generation to generation. And it calls on His followers to respond in everlasting praise.</p>	5 Min
Nurture 1	<p><b>Read John 11:40-44</b></p> <p>“Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?”</p>	10-15 Min.

<sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. <sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me."

<sup>43</sup> When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" <sup>44</sup> The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.

Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."

1. The story of Lazarus begins a few days before this passage. Jesus heard that his good friend Lazarus was sick. The Bible says that Jesus waited two more days before going back to Judea, where Lazarus was. A short time later Jesus tells his disciples that Lazarus had died. When Jesus arrived, Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days.
2. Martha seems distraught saying to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died." (Verse 21)
3. Then Jesus tells them that her brother will rise again. What is Martha's reaction to this statement in verse 24? Is her mind open to all the possibilities? Are we guilty of limiting God's blessings in our own lives?
4. What is Jesus' response in verses 25-26? What does Jesus want Martha to understand?
5. This story is also a metaphor. God redeems someone dear to him. Even though his he is completely lost and without hope for a future, God rescues and restores the dead to life.
6. Describe the character of each person in this story.
7. Which person are you most like in this story? Why?

Nurture 2

What can we pray for in your life?

5-10 Min

### **Additional information**

Schedule a time and place to meet again.